

For Sale.

CHOICE BALDWIN APPLES, \$0.75 PER DOZEN.
102 House,
May 19th, 1868.

FOR SALE.

Just Arrived.
BROADWOOD'S Grand PIANOS, may be had at Wholesale Price.
Address "A," Office of this paper.
Hongkong, December 31, 1867.

CIGARS AND CHEROOTS.
AVIER CIGARS and CHEROOTS, Old and New, by the case or Invoice.
For Sale by
EDWARD J. SAGE.
Hongkong, June 8, 1868. 22ju

SOCIAL LIFE OF THE CHINESE, in 2 Volumes, by Rev. J. J. DOOLITTLE, is for sale at Messrs. LAY, OLIVER & CO., Hongkong and Shanghai. Price, \$5.00.
Hongkong, March 20, 1868. 20mar-69

FOR SALE.
Es "ESTAFETTE" and other Arrivals.
GENUINE AVH GIN in red cases, 10 squares.
GENUINE AVH GIN in 15 squares.
Dutch CURACOA, in stone bottles.
At LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co.
Hongkong, May 22, 1868.

Docks.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL, \$700,000, in 1,500 SHARES, OF \$500 EACH.

THE COMPANY'S DOCKS AT ABERDEEN AND WHAMPOA are in full working order, and the attention of Ship-owners is respectfully solicited to the advantages which these Establishments offer for the Docking and Repair of Vessels.
The following description of the Premises is submitted for the information of the Public.

ABERDEEN DOCK.
DOCK No. 1.
Built of GRANITE.
Length, 330 feet.
Breadth, 80 "
Depth of Water at Spring Tides, 18' 6"
do. Neap Tides, 16' "

NEW DOCK, No. 2.
Built of GRANITE.
Length, 400 feet.
Breadth, 90 "
Depth of Water at Spring Tides, 24' "
do. Neap Tides, 21' "
This Dock is now under course of construction.

WHAMPOA DOCKS.
DOCK A.
Built of GRANITE.
Length, 550 feet.
Breadth, 80 "
Depth of Water at Spring Tides, 16' 6"
do. Neap Tides, 13' 6"
This can be used either as one or two Docks.

DOCK B.
Built of GRANITE.
Length, 340 feet.
Breadth, 60 "
Depth of Water at Spring Tides, 18' "
do. Neap Tides, 15' "
The above are the largest Docks in China and they are fitted with every appliance in the way of Caissons, powerful Steam Pumps, &c., to ensure safety and despatch in work.

DOCK C.
Built of Wood.
Length, 280 feet.
Depth of Water at Spring Tides, 14' "
do. Neap Tides, 11' "
Fitted with Caissons and Steam Pumps.

DOCK D.
Length, 164 feet.
Depth of Water at Spring Tides, 12' 6"
do. Neap Tides, 9' 6"

DOCK E.
Length, 120 feet.
Depth of Water at Spring Tides, 11' "
do. Neap Tides, 8' "
D. and E. are Mud Docks available for small vessels, at very low rates.

WORKSHOPS.
The Workshops on the Premises, both at Aberdeen and Whampoa, possess every appliance necessary for the Repairs of Ships or Steam Machinery. The Engineer's Shops are supplied with Lathes, Planing, Screwing, Cutting, Punching Machines, &c., &c., capable of executing work on the largest scale, and Blacksmith's Shops are equally well supplied with plant, and the work is entirely carried on under the Supervision of experienced Europeans.
Powerful Lifting Shears stand on a Jetty alongside where vessels can lie in 24 feet water and take in or out boilers, masts, &c.

BOILERMAKERS' DEPARTMENT.
The company in addition to executing Repairs are prepared to tender for supplying new Boilers to Steamships for constructing which they have great facilities.

FOUNDRY.
Iron and Brass Castings, either for Ships or general purposes, are executed with the utmost despatch.

STORES.
The Company's Stores will (when required) supply at moderate rates all the necessaries for Shipwork, such as Paint, Copper, Canvas, &c., &c.

STEAM TUG.
The Company's powerful Steam Tug *Baine* (100 Horse-power nominal) is always in readiness to tow Sailing Vessels from Hongkong to the Dock free of charge, and will take them back or to Sea at reduced rates.
For further particulars, apply at the Office of the Company, at *Agular Street*, Hongkong.

JOHN S. LAFRAIK,
Secretary.
N. B.—The Consignees or Master of any Vessel seeking reason to complain of the work done in the Docks, or in any way respecting the Dock arrangements, should address the Secretary on the subject, when their complaints will receive the immediate attention of the Directors of the Company.
Hongkong, October 18, 1868.

Docks.

THE UNION DOCK COMPANY OF HONGKONG & WHAMPOA, LIMITED.

THE Company respectfully beg to call the attention of Ship Owners, Consignees and Masters of Vessels to their establishments at Whampoa and Hongkong, which offer every facility for the docking and repairs of Vessels of all classes.

Their Docks at Whampoa are in good working order and are pumped out by Steam, and the workshops comprise the different departments of Shipwright, Blacksmith, Boilermaker, and Machinery work. Materials supplied of the best kind and on the most reasonable terms. A Jetty with a pair of powerful lifting shears, alongside of which masts and boilers can be taken out of Vessels.

Their Hongkong establishment (Gately known as Messrs. THOS. HUNT & Co.'s Vessel Shipyard) comprises also the different departments of Shipwright, Blacksmith, Boilermaker, and Machinery work, and possesses a pair of lifting shears. Their Granite Dock at Kowloon most advantageously situated, solidly built, and of full dimensions to admit the docking of any Vessel coming to this harbour, will be completed in a very short time.
The Steam tug, "LITTLE ORPILAN," is always in readiness to tow Vessels to Dock, free of charge, and to sea, or new berth, at reduced rates.
All works carried on under the superintendence of experienced European foremen. For particulars, apply to
A. D. MITCHELL,
Manager of Works,
At the Office of the Company,
N. B.—Consignees or Masters of Vessels having cause to complain of the work done at the Docks or at Hongkong, will please address their complaints to the Office of the Company, which will receive the immediate attention of the Directors.
Hongkong, April 28, 1868.

Insurance.

NOTICE.

NORTHERN ASSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM and after this date the following Rates will be charged for Short Period Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding one month, 1/4 of the Annual Rate.
Above one month and not exceeding three months, 1/3 " "
Above three months and not exceeding six months, 1/2 " "
Above six months, the full Annual Rate.
TURNER & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, April 13, 1868.

THE NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY.

(Established 1st January, 1863.)
CAPITAL, Tls. 1,500,000, in 1,500 SHARES, FOR Tls. 1,000 EACH.

Paid up Capital, Tels. 300,000, or Tels. 200 per Share.

Provisional Committee.
W. J. BAYAN, Esq., Chairman.
(Messrs. TURNER & Co.)
F. H. BELL, Esq.
(Messrs. W. R. ADAMSON & Co.)
A. MICHIE, Esq.
(Messrs. CHAMBERLAIN, KING & Co.)
E. H. LAYERS, Esq.
(Messrs. GILMAN & Co.)
F. PONTIER, Esq.
(Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.)
Directors of the Company, 1866-68.
A General Meeting held on Tuesday, the 12th day of May, 1868, the following Resolutions were passed, relative to the continuance of the Company for a further period of three years from the 1st January, 1869; and Notice is hereby given that applications for Shares in the annual Form, will be received at the Offices of the Company until 31st October, 1868.
Applications for Shares from Persons not resident in Shanghai, must be accompanied by a Power of Attorney to their Agents to sign the Deed of Settlement on their behalf and generally to represent them in all matters connected with the Company.
In accordance with the Resolution passed at the meeting of 18th November, 1867, a separate Office of the Company will be opened in London, on 1st January, 1869.
By order of the Court of Directors,
JOHN S. MACKINTOSH,
Secretary.
Shanghai, May 16, 1868.

Form of Application for Shares.
No. 1.
To the Provisional Committee of the NORTH CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY.
GENTLEMEN,
I hereby request that you will allot to Shares in the above Company, and agree to accept such Shares, or any less number you may allot to; and agree to pay the first call of Tls. 200 per Share, and all subsequent calls, and to subscribe to the Deed of Settlement whenever required to do so.
Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant
Resolutions referred to above.
Res. I.—That a Company to be called the "North China Insurance Company" shall be formed for a further period of three years, from 1st January, 1869 to 31st Dec., 1871.
Res. II.—That the Directors for the time being of the present Company be appointed to act as a Provisional Committee to organize the new Company.
Res. III.—That this meeting recommends that the Provisional Committee should adopt as the basis of the new Company the capital should be 1,500,000 in 1,500 Shares of Tls. 1,000 each; Paid up Capital, Tls. 300,000 or Tls. 200 per Share, and that the Committee be authorized to issue a prospectus inviting applications for Shares and to proceed with the allotment. 8100

NOTICE is hereby given that an Agency of this Company has been opened in Macao, under the care of Messrs. Margeson & Co., and that Captain Carroll has been appointed Surveyor for the Company at that Port.
By order of the Court of Directors,
JOHN S. MACKINTOSH,
Secretary.
Shanghai, September 28, 1867.

Resolutions referred to above.
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Insurance.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL, \$2,000,000, in 2,000 SHARES OF \$1,000 EACH.
\$100 per Share to be paid on Allotment, and \$100 six months after Allotment.

NOTICE.
WITH reference to the following Resolutions passed at a Meeting of the Shareholders of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company held on the 8th instant, applications for Shares in the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited will be received by the General Managers, the form of application to be as follows:—
To the General Managers and Consulting Committee of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited,
GENTLEMEN,
I request you to allot me Shares of One Thousand Dollars each in the above named Company, and I agree to accept such Shares, or any less number which may be allotted to me, and to pay a Call of One Hundred Dollars per Share on allotment, and a further Call of One Hundred Dollars per Share, six months after allotment, and I further undertake to subscribe to the Deed of Settlement when called on to do so.
I remain, Gentlemen,
Your Obedient Servant,
RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO ABOVE.
No. 1.
That the General Managers and Consulting Committee are hereby authorized to adopt measures for the reconstruction of the Company as the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited, on the basis proposed in the Memorandum of the 2nd April presented to this Meeting.

No. 2.
That the General Managers and Consulting Committee are hereby requested to receive applications for Shares in the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited, and on the receipt of such applications to call an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company for the purpose of authorizing its dissolution and the transfer of its assets and liabilities to the new Company.
JARDINE, MATTHEWSON & Co.,
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company.
N.B.—Forms of application for Shares may be had at the Office of the Company, Queen's Road.
Hongkong, April 9, 1868.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICE.

FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged for Short Period Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding one month, 1/4 of the Annual Rate.
Above one month and not exceeding three months, 1/3 " "
Above three months and not exceeding six months, 1/2 " "
Above six months, the full Annual Rate.
JARDINE, MATTHEWSON & Co.,
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company.
Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

ALLIANCE FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICE.

FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged for Short Period Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding one month, 1/4 of the Annual Rate.
Above one month and not exceeding three months, 1/3 " "
Above three months and not exceeding six months, 1/2 " "
Above six months, the full Annual Rate.
JARDINE, MATTHEWSON & Co.,
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company.
Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

ALLIANCE FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICE.

FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged for Short Period Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding one month, 1/4 of the Annual Rate.
Above one month and not exceeding three months, 1/3 " "
Above three months and not exceeding six months, 1/2 " "
Above six months, the full Annual Rate.
JARDINE, MATTHEWSON & Co.,
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company.
Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

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Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

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Above six months, the full Annual Rate.
JARDINE, MATTHEWSON & Co.,
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company.
Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

ALLIANCE FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICE.

FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged for Short Period Insurances, viz:—

Insurance.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Reduction in the Rates of Premium. Detached and semi-detached Dwelling-Houses removed from Town, and their Contents, 1/2 per cent.

Other Dwelling-Houses used strictly as such, and their Contents, 1/2 per cent.
Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c. and their Contents, 1/2 per cent.
GILMAN & Co.,
Agents North British and Mercantile Insurance Company.
Hongkong, March 9, 1868.

NOTICE.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM and after this date the following Rates will be charged in Short Period Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding one month, 1/4 of the annual rate.
Above one month, and not exceeding 3 months, 1/3 " "
Above 3 months, and not exceeding 6 months, 1/2 " "
Above 6 months, the full Annual Rate.
GILMAN & Co.,
Agents North British and Mercantile Insurance Company.
Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

CAPITAL, TWO MILLION STERLING.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company at this port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire, to the extent of £10,000, on Buildings or on Goods stored therein.

MORGAN, LAMBERT & Co.
Hongkong, May 20, 1868.

NOTICE.

THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE following Rates will be charged in future for short period Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding one month, 1/4 of the annual rate.
Above one month, and not exceeding 3 months, 1/3 " "
Above 3 months, and not exceeding 6 months, 1/2 " "
Above 6 months, the full Annual Rate.
MORGAN, LAMBERT & Co.,
Agents the Queen Insurance Company.
Hongkong, May 20, 1868.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents of the above Corporation are prepared to grant Fire and Marine Insurance on the usual Terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, December 26, 1867.

LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION.

THE following rates will in future be charged for Short Period Insurances:—

One month, 1/4 of the annual rate.
Three months, 1/3 " "
Six months, 1/2 " "
Above six months, the full Annual Rate.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

NOTICE.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

THE following Rates will be charged in future for short period Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding one month, 1/4 of the annual rate.
Above one month and not exceeding three months, 1/3 " "
Above three months and not exceeding six months, 1/2 " "
Above six months, the full Annual Rate.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Hongkong, April 8, 1868.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICE.

THE DIRECTORS have the pleasure to announce the appointment of Messrs. Holliday, Wise & Co. as agents for the Company at Hongkong, Shanghai, Canton, Hankow, and Fuhchow, who are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates and of whom all useful information may be obtained.
By Order of the Board,
JAS. B. NORTHGOTT, Secretary.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$50,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, August 24, 1864.

NOTICE.

IMPERIAL FIRE OFFICE.

FROM and after this date the following Rates will be charged for Short Period Insurances, viz:—

Insurance.

BOMBAY INSURANCE COMPANY AND FORBES & CO.'S CONSTITUTED INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Companies are prepared to accept Risks on the usual terms.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, February 26, 1868.

JOEAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

INCORPORATED 1853.
CAPITAL, \$1,000,000.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company are prepared to accept Marine Risks and issue Policies at current rates.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
Hongkong, June 6, 1867.

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Marine Risks at current rates.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
Hongkong, March 6, 1868.

AT the request of the Undersigned, Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., have taken temporary charge of the following Insurance Companies:

Phoenix Assurance Company.
Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company.
London and Provincial Marine Insurance Company.
Universal Marine Insurance Company Limited.

SMITH, KENNEDY & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, July 2, 1867.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

FIRE AND LIFE.

CAPITAL, £2,000,000.

(LIFE DEPARTMENT.)

20 per cent. per annum Bonus declared during the last fifteen years on all Profit participating Policies of Two Years' standing.

The utmost liberality practised in the settlement of all Claims, with the representatives of deceased Assureds.

An Assurance for any sum not exceeding £1000 can be effected with the Undersigned without reference to Head-Quarters.

By special authority of the Board, Claims are settled at once by the Undersigned without reference to England.

Fees to Medical Referees paid by the Company.
No forfeiture of Policy from unintentional mis-statement.
Premiums payable Half-yearly or Annually at the option of the Assured.

Annual Premiums for an Assurance of £100 for the whole term of Life, including £2.10s. per Cent. for Foreign Risk, which will be deducted during a visit to or a permanent resident in Europe:—

AGE.	WITHOUT PARTICIPATION.	WITH PARTICIPATION.
15	£3 19 8	\$4 5 6
20	4 3 8	4 9 4
25	4 8 2	4 14 2
30	4 13 11	4 19 9
35	5 0 0	5 6 2
40	5 8 0	5 14 1
45	5 17 11	6 4 6
50	6 11 7	6 10 4
55	7 11 1	8 0 4
60	8 16 0	9 8 7

N.B.—Intermediate ages charged proportionally.

For Forms, for effecting Life Assurances, and for any further information, apply to
ROB. S. WALKER & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, September 8, 1864.

LIFE ASSURANCE.

THE Undersigned have received Authority by a recent Mail to issue Life Policies for amounts not exceeding £1000 without reference to the Head Office, as was previously required by the Board.

ROB. S. WALKER & Co.,
Agents Royal Insurance Company.
Hongkong, January 6, 1865.

NOTICE.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE following Rates will be charged in future for short period Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding one month, 1/4 per cent.
Above one month and not exceeding three months, 1/3 " "
Above three months and not exceeding six months, 1/2 " "
Above six months, the full Annual Rate of 1 per cent.
ROB. S. WALKER & Co.,
Agents Royal Insurance Company.
Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

REDUCTION

IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM FOR FIRE INSURANCE.

THE Undersigned have (as already intimated in their Circular dated 14th October last) received authority from the Secretary of the ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY to reduce the rate of Premium under certain circumstances, on PRIVATE RESIDENCES and on FURNITURE and Effects, therein contained.

In cases of Dwelling-Houses removed from the Town, the rate of Premium will be Three-quarters per Cent. in place of One per Cent. per Annum as hitherto charged; and in cases of Residences, so situated, being detached or semi-detached, the rate will be further reduced to One-half per Cent.

The Royal's Annual Rates for Fire Insurance on the various classes of Buildings and their contents will therefore remain as follows, until further notice, viz:—
Detached and semi-detached Dwelling-Houses removed from the Town, and their Contents, 1/2 per cent.
Other Dwelling-Houses used strictly as such, and their Contents, 1/2 per cent.
Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c. and their Contents, 1 per cent.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents, Imperial Fire Insurance Company.
Hongkong, March 6, 1865.

Insurance.

THE UNIVERSAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF CALCUTTA.

ESTABLISHED 1854.
Subscribed Capital, £500,000.
Accumulated Funds, £368,000.

For Sale

RAYNAL & Co,
August 4, 1866.

F. S. BUFFAM,
Official Assignee.
Hongkong, 13th June, 1868. 4j

H. COHEN.
Hongkong, March 18, 1867.

23, Wellington Street,
Hongkong.
Hongkong, May 9, 1868.

P. & O. S. N. Company,
Hongkong, June 2, 1868.

PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, complete.
MULLER & CLAUSSEN,
Hongkong, January 13, 1868.

Best S1001.
Apply to
CARLOWITZ & Co,
Hongkong, March 19, 1868,

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the British barque "TYOON," from Saigon, are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature to REYNVAAN BROTHERS & Co. Hongkong, June 19, 1868. 24jun

"EVERHARD," from CARDIFF. THE above-named Vessel having arrived from Cardiff, Consignees of Cargo are requested to communicate immediately with the Undersigned. MELOHERS & Co. Hongkong, June 16, 1868. 23jun

"MADAGASCAR," from CARDIFF. THE above-named Vessel having arrived from Cardiff, Consignees of Cargo are requested to communicate immediately with the Undersigned. MELOHERS & Co. Hongkong, June 16, 1868. 24jun

"MAIDEN QUEEN," from LONDON. CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature. The Cargo will be landed and stored at Messrs DENT & Co.'s Godowns at Ship's expense but at Consignees' risk. Cargo will be ready for delivery on Saturday, 20th instant. All Cargo not taken delivery of before Saturday, the 4th July, will be charged Godown Rent. Hongkong, June 16, 1868. 23jun

CONSIGNEES of the undermentioned packages per "HUSAN," are hereby advised that the same have been landed and stored at their risk and expense. E. & Co., 2 cases Merchandise. F. Y. & Co., 4 " Do. O. P. & Co., 1 " Do. R. & Co., (in dia) 3 " Do. D. H. HOLIDAY, WISE & Co. Hongkong, June 12, 1868.

"JEANNE AND JOSEPH," from YOKOHAMA. CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense by ARNOLD KARBBERG & Co. Hongkong, June 15, 1868. 24jun

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

M. R. A. H. TOLMUS GLOZENKAMP, being from this date interested in our Firm, will sign the same per procuration. REYNVAAN BROTHERS & Co. Hongkong, June 1, 1868. 18ep

NOTICE. WE have established Mr. J. R. CUNNINGHAM as our Agent in Amoy and all business addressed to his care comes under our control. AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co. Hongkong, June 1, 1868. 1jul

NOTICE. Y. Business, as Ship and Insurance Broker, Commission Agent, &c. hitherto carried on by myself, will henceforward be conducted under the style or Firm of J. S. HOOK, Son & Co. Hongkong, September 23, 1867.

NOTICE. WE have authorized Mr. CLARE BUNN to sign our Firm from this date. DREYER & Co. Hongkong, January 1, 1868.

NOTICE. THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. ROBERT B. PARK in our Firm, ceased on the 31st March, 1868. ALFRED WILKINSON & Co. Hongkong, April 16, 1868. 30jun

NOTICE. FROM and after this date Mr. GEORGE F. BOWMAN will act as AGENT of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company at this Port. S. L. PHELPS, Agent. Hongkong, August 15, 1867.

NOTICE. THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. FERDINAND NISSEN in our Firm ceased on the 30th April last. The Business will in future be conducted under the Style and Firm of ROBERTSON & Co. in which Mr. FERDINAND NISSEN has been admitted a Partner. NISSEN & ROBERTSON. Ningpo, May 9, 1868. 10ag

NOTICE. THE connection of the Undersigned with the Firm of Messrs THOS. HUNT & Co. ceases from this date. J. M. ARMSTRONG. Hongkong, May 1, 1868.

NOTICE. MR. FERDINAND NISSEN and Mr. HEINRICH HOPFERS have been authorized to sign our Firm here and in China from this date. SIEMSEN & Co. Hongkong, May 12, 1868. 12ag

NOTICE. MR. J. MURRAY FORBES is authorized to sign our name at Canton from this date. RUSSELL & Co. China, February 15, 1868.

NOTICE. MR. GEORGE M. CKILL SMITH is authorized to sign our Firm per procuration from this date. COARE, LIND & Co. Canton, June 4, 1868. 1jul

NOTICE. MR. HENRY LESTON DALRYMPLE is authorized to sign our Firm per procuration, at Foochow from this date. BIRLEY & Co. Hongkong, June 3, 1868.

NOTICE. THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. FRANCIS PARKY and Mr. THOMAS SMITH in our Firm ceased on 31st December, 1867, from which date the Partners are Mr. CHARLES WILSON MURRAY, Mr. ARTHUR SMITH and Mr. THOMAS PARKY. BIRLEY & Co. Hongkong, June 16, 1868. 10sep

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE. MR. BENJAMIN ROBERT STANFORD was admitted a Partner in our Firm on 1st January, 1868. J. McDONALD & Co., Shipwrights. Hongkong, May 1, 1868. 1ag

NOTICE. THE interest and responsibility of Mr. W. C. VAN OORDE in our firm ceased on the 1st January, 1868. HOSMAN & Co. Hongkong, November 19, 1867.

Have this day established myself as a General Commission Merchant under the style or firm of VAN OORDE & Co. (Sd) W. C. VAN OORDE. Yokohama, October 24, 1867. 1f

Houses and Lands.

TO LET. THE whole of the Second Floor now occupied by the Undersigned, situated at Poddar's Wharf, comprising Dining Room and Pantry and fifteen Bed Rooms. Also, One half of the First Floor suitable for Offices. THOS. HUNT & Co. Hongkong, May 13, 1868. 1f

TO LET. HE Large Matched No. 3, at Poketium, containing five rooms with out-houses and Stables attached. Water laid. For particulars, apply to H. PESTONJEE SETNA, at Messrs P. A. C. CAMARER & Co.'s Office. Hongkong, June 2, 1868.

TO LET. HOUSE in Spring Gardens, containing four Rooms and Out Houses; Rent, \$28 per month. Apply at the Victoria Foundry. Hongkong, March 12, 1868.

TO BE LET. From 1st July. O. 10, Shelley Street. Gas and Water laid on. Apply to THOS. HOWARD, Standen Street. Hongkong, June 6, 1868.

TO LET. THE desirable PREMISES on the Queen's Road, lately in the occupation of the Asiatic Bank. For particulars, apply to SALPH, AROHER & Co. Hongkong, May 19, 1868.

TWO HOUSES TO BE LET. RECENTLY put in thorough repair, situated on the Rise of the Hill, Westward, and an easy distance from the Queen's Road. Apply to M. K. BARRINGTON, Wyndham Street. Hongkong, May 13, 1868.

TO LET. FOUR Large ROOMS on Second Floor above the Offices of the Undersigned, 44, Queen's Road, at present occupied by Messrs O. Hook & Co. Possession can be taken on the 1st of January, 1869. For Terms, &c., apply to G. DUBOST & Co. Hongkong, November 6, 1867.

TO LET. THE OFFICES situated in Queen's Road, formerly occupied by Messrs LYALL STEEL & Co. Apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. East Point, June 15, 1868. 10sep

TO BE LET. THE Dwelling HOUSE in the Albany at present occupied by Mr. N. R. MASON. Occupation can be had in a few weeks. Application can be made to Mr. MASSON at the Albany. Hongkong, September 23, 1867.

TO LET. COMMODOUS HOUSES, situated in Morrison Hill, commanding a thorough view of the Harbour, with Stables, &c. Apply to THOMAS WALLACE, East Point Godowns. Hongkong, June 6, 1868.

TO LET. THE BUSINESS PREMISES, formerly occupied by Messrs ARNOLD, KARBBERG & Co., consisting of Dwelling House, Office, and spacious Godown. Possession to be had on the 1st March. Apply to JOHN BURD & Co. Hongkong, February 22, 1868.

TO LET. CAN be had in First Class "nanite" Godowns at Waichai, on very moderate Terms. For particulars, apply to CHARLES KIVINGTON, at Messrs LAWRENCE & Co.'s Office, Stanley Street. Hongkong, January 1, 1868.

FIRST Rate ROOMS for Offices or Dwelling HOUSE for Families in the Queen's Road, No. 92, with new Verandah. The whole in a thorough state of repair. Apply to Messrs M. SCHMIDT & Co., Gunmakers. Hongkong, May 20, 1868.

TO BE LET. A HOUSE in Queen's Road, commanding a good view of the Harbour from the North side. The House contains eight good Rooms with Bath Rooms, Verandah, front and back, Kitchen, Servant's Rooms and Godowns on ground floor. Apply to TURNER & Co. Hongkong, February 8, 1868.

TO BE LET. TWO New and Strong GODOWNS on Marine Lot No. 63. Apply to GAVIN THOMPSON, at GIBB, LAVER & Co.'s. Hongkong, December 10, 1867. 1f

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE. Ex "BELTED WILLY," "CHUSAN," &c. &c. BASS'S ALE in hogsheads and kilderkins. Bass's ALE in bottles, quarts and pints. Guinness's STOUT in bottles, quarts and pints. Hennessy's Pale Old BRANDY. Old Tom GIN. Dinner SHERRIES from \$6 upwards. Fine Old PORT. Ginger WINE, Ginger BRANDY and Orange BITTERS. HAMS, CHEESE and OILMAN'S STORES. At LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co. Hongkong, May 22, 1868.

FOR SALE. Ex "MOBILE," and other late Arrivals. BARRELS Hamburg Prime Mess PORK. 100 barrels Hamburg Prime Mess PORK. A well assorted collection of Fowl's Prime quality Russian ROPE, BOLTROPE, Seizing STUFF, HOUSING, MARLINE, LUGGINGS, Signal-HALYARDS, SPUN-YARN, &c. At LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co. Hongkong, May 22, 1868.

FOR SALE. CHAMPAGNE, Adolphus Collins and Co. J. J. & Co.'s Association Vintage. CLARET, real Chateau Margaux. " Haut Bages. " L. Esparto Duroc. BRANDY, Hennessy's and Martell's in 1 dozen cases. BEER and PORTER in bottle. BUTTER (Platts) in kegs. A quantity of Iron COLUMNS, Yellow METAL, 20/28 oz. with NAILS. Apply to DOUGLAS LAPIRAIK & Co. Hongkong, December 11, 1867.

FOR SALE. Ex "Chusan" and "Peter Denny." DRAUGHT BEER in hogsheads and kilderkins. Draught STOUT in half Hogsheads. Apply to MORGAN, LAMBERT & Co. Hongkong, June 2, 1868.

JUST RECEIVED. EX "DUNMAIL," &c. LIME JUICE, in 5 Gallon Jars. Guinness's STOUT in pints and quarts. Draught BEER in hogsheads and kilderkins. White Trowsers DUCK. BOWRA & Co. Hongkong, June 11, 1868.

FOR SALE. A FEW cases Superior Manila CIGARS and CHEROOTS. A splendid assortment of genuine Havana CIGARETTES. RUSSIAN CIGARETTES. BIEFELD and ZACHARIAE. Hongkong, April 29, 1868.

THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY. NEW GOODS EX "HUSAN," OVERLAND MAIL, &c. &c. EAU DE COLOGNE, J. M. FAHINA'S. HENDRIK'S, PLESS & LUMIN'S and ATKINSON'S PERFUMERY. Bath and Face SPONGES. Sarsaparilla TOOTH BRUSHES and GUARDS. Powder PUFFS and BOXES. Prepared FULLER'S EARTH for the Nursery. NURSERY LAMPS. SEIZING BELTS. C. TATE OF MAGNESIA. KEATING'S Insect POWDER. PEAR'S TRANSPARENT SOAPS. New Fruit SYRUPS in great variety. Silicated Carbon FILTERS as recommended by the Board of Health. Sir James BOWEN'S D-SINFECTING OIL. MEDICINE CHESTS, for Ship and Family use. And numerous other GOODS. GEO. GLASSE. Hongkong, June 10, 1868. 24jun

TIDMAN'S GENUINE SEA SALT FOR MAKING Sea Water Baths In your own Room. M. R. GLASSE begs to call the special attention of Ladies and Gentlemen to the benefit derived from this SEA SALT, which is positively extracted from the FOAMING BILLOWS. By dissolving a small portion in water it produces a BATH, exactly similar to SEA WATER, and the same invigorating and healthy results will be derived from its use as by an actual dip in the Sea. Victoria Dispensary, 10th June, 1868. 8jul

NO MORE PRICKLY HEAT OR IRRITATION OF THE SKIN. JUNIPER Tar Oil SO. P. as recommended by Dr. E. A. Wilson, will be found to alleviate the above, and allay all irritation, at the same time rendering the skin soft and smooth. To be had only at THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY. Hongkong, June 10, 1868. 8jul

FOR SALE. GRAND PIANOFORTE, by Collard & Collard. Will be sold cheap. Apply to the Office of this Newspaper. Hongkong, June 15, 1868. 22jun

JUST ARRIVED. (From "Peter Denny.") FINEST FLORENCE OIL, for Salads, at \$6 per dozen. Apply to G. DUBOST & Co. Hongkong, June 5, 1868. 5jul

FOR SALE.

JUST ARRIVED. 100 CASES CL. RET, St. Estephe, \$5 per dozen. Chateau Margaux Desert CLARET, No. 1, 314. Chateau Margaux Desert CLARET, No. 2, 89. CLARETS, superior quality in wood cask, 46 gallons, \$45. Also, MEDOC, a light breakfast CLARET, bottled by ourselves in Hongkong, each bottle bearing 1 Seal with the word "Medoc," \$4 per dozen. Apply to G. DUBOST & Co. Hongkong, May 23, 1868. 23jun

FOR SALE. A FEW Silicated Carbon FILTERS of various Sizes and Patterns. Hip Shower BATHS. RAY & Co. Hongkong, April 13, 1868.

FOR SALE. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. beg to call attention to the undermentioned new Goods ex Overland Mail, Weymouth Castle, Black Prince, Chusan, Peter Denny, and Denmark. NURSERY LAMPS. KRUSS' ICE MAKING APPARATUS. Coffee ROASTERS. Sauce MACHINES. Cook's BULLERS, KETTLES, & Kitchen Articles of all kinds. Travelling BATHS. Recent PUBLICATIONS of general interest. ELLYOT'S HELMETS. WATERPROOFS. Safety MATCHES. GINGER BRANDY. KRUSS' RED SEAL, & Private Curée CHAMPAGNES. CHAMBERTIN, Still and Sparkling. SPARKLING MOSSELLE. CROCKERY & GLASSWARE. Fier GLASSES. QUEEN'S HANGING LAMPS. BIRDSEYE and other first rate TORACCO. Comet and Maltose CROSS SHERRIES. Office BOOKS & STATIONERY. PERFUMERY. PERAMBULATORS. BISCUITS. The "Wheel of Life." Broom and CLARET. DUST SPECIMENS. HATS in great variety, and new shapes. OILMAN'S STORES. Photographic ALBUMS. Hongkong, June 8, 1868. 24jun

FOR SALE. MUNTZ'S Yellow METAL, 20 to 28 oz. with NAILS. Apply to SIEMSEN & Co. Hongkong, June 15, 1868. 15jul

FOR SALE. BEST Keeling COAL. Apply to LANDSTEIN & Co. Hongkong, June 15, 1868. 1f

New Advertisements.

SAYLE & Co. VICTORIA EXCHANGE. INVITE inspection of their New and well assorted Summer Stock of Black and Blue Broad CLOTHS. Naval and Military CLOTHS. Light-Mix and Fancy TWEEDS. Self and Fancy Colored FLANNELS. Plain and Fancy DRILLS, DUCKS, &c. Quilting and Marcella VESTINGS. The Tailoring Department under the management of first class English Cutters. TIES and SCARFS in great variety. The new Shapies in Gentlemen's COLLARS. Long Cloth, Silk and Wool SHIRTS. PAJAMAS. Gauze, Merino and Silk UNDERVESTS. HOSIERY of all kinds. Gentlemen's Straw and Felt HATS in Various Shapes. Household LINENS of every description. A large Stock of French Printed MUSLINS of the Latest Patterns. French Printed CAMBRICS. Black GLAZES, Plain and Fancy silk GAZES. Grenadines and other New Fabrics Embroidered, Printed and Made-up SKIRTS. CRINOLINES, Muslin EMBROIDERIES and LACE of all descriptions. Ladies' Trimmed HATS and BONNETS. FLOWERS, FEATHERS, &c. Ladies' and Children's UNDER-CLOTHING. Ladies' Cotton and Lisle HOSIERY. Lisle and Silk GLOVES, &c. Lace and Muslin CURTAINS. Hongkong, April 27, 1868.

POST-OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS. MAILS WILL CLOSE.—The departure of the steamer "LIGHTNING" having been postponed, her Mails for SINGAPORE, PENANG and CALCUTTA will be closed Tomorrow, Sunday, the 21st instant, at 3 A.M., instead of at the time previously notified. Correspondence may be posted in the Night Box from 5 P.M. to 10 P.M., To-day, till 3 A.M., To-morrow, the 21st instant.

Supplementary Mails for SINGAPORE, PENANG and CALCUTTA per "GLENGYLE" will be closed Tomorrow, Sunday, the 21st instant, at 3 A.M. Correspondence may be posted in the Night Box from 5 P.M. to 10 P.M., To-day, till 3 A.M., To-morrow, the 21st instant.

For SHANGHAI. Per "GANGA," on Friday, the 20th instant, at 11 A.M. For MANILA. Per "MINERVA," on Tuesday next, the 23rd instant, at 4 P.M.

UNDER DESPATCH. For Singapore, Penang and Calcutta, Per "Ganges," To-morrow, the 21st instant, at daylight. For Shanghai, Per "Ganges," on Friday, the 26th instant, at Noon.

LATEST SHIPPING. ARRIVAL. June 20, Drake, H. B. M. gun-boat, Grenfell, Macao, June 14. SHIPPING REPORT. The H. B. M. gun-boat, Drake, reports having been out in company with the "Algerine" to Tonkin, Fantoing, Quang-hay, in search of pirates; yesterday, while the "Algerine" was towing the "Drake," the hawser parted, and one man (a carpenter) had his leg very much shattered.

Memo. of Cargo per American ship Mid-night, to San Francisco: 14,452 bags Rice, each 50 lbs. 240 bags Peas, each 50 lbs. 216 bags Beans, each 50 lbs. 1,074 bags Sugar, each 100 lbs. 250 rolls Matting. 964 packages Tea. 10 chests Opium, each 500 Tis. 154 boxes Oil. 517 boxes Fire Crackers. 90 boxes Tobacco. 364 boxes Salt Fish. 636 packages Sundries, and 353 passengers.

(From the Canton Customs Daily Returns.) Summary of Imports and Exports passed at the Canton River Steamer Office from 8th to 15th June. Imported per Kinkiang and Kinsan, from Hongkong: 564 bales Bombay Cotton. 3,176 bales Bengal Cotton. 150 bales Cotton Yarn. 100 cases and bales Cotton Goods. 15 cases and bales Woollen Goods. 230 flasks Quicksilver. 128 packages Tobacco. 213 packages Tea. 175 chests Patna and Malwa Opium. 313 packages Sundries.

Exported per Kinkiang and Kinsan, for Hongkong: 98 cases and bales Fine Silk. 191 cases Furium. 84 bales Silk Cocoons. 110 bales Silk Refuse. 33 cases Silk Piece Goods. 186 rolls Matting. 30 bundles Mats. 50 cases Glass Bangles. 361 cases China Ware. 220 cases or pieces Rhuubarb. 19 boxes Glass Bells. 82 boxes Preserves. 600 piculs (150 tons) Cassia. 442 tons (2,091 piculs) Tea. 150 half-cheats Tea Dust. 358 packages and parcels Sundries.

THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY. HONGKONG, APRIL 18, 1868.

QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, 20th June, 1868. OPIMUM.—Patna, New, ... \$632 1/2. Old, ... 617 1/2. Benares, New, ... 600 a 665. Malwa, ... 18 a 22. COTTON.—Bombay, ... 17 1/2 a 20. Calcutta, ... 17 1/2 a 20.

Exchange. Bank, 6 months' sight, ... 47 1/2 a 48. Credits, 6 ... 48 1/2 a 49. On Calcutta, 3 days' sight, Rs. 257 1/2. Bombay, 3 days' sight, Rs. 258 a 236. Shanghai, 3 days' sight Bank, Tls. 72 1/2. Bar Silver, 17 dwts. B., 10 1/2 per cent. pre. Specie, ... 7 1/2 per cent. pre. Mexican, ... 18. Gold Leaf, ... 23.10 p. t. Gold Bar, 98 touch, ... 23.80 p. t. English Sovereigns, ... 4.54. Australian Sovereigns, ... 4.52. Discount, ... 18. H. & W. p. a. do., Old, 14 per cent. pm. Do., New, 7 per cent. pm. H. & S. Bank Shares, Old, 24 per cent. pm. Do., New, 4 1/2 per cent. pm. Union Dock Shares, ... 25 nominal.

Temperature. HONGKONG, 20th June, 1868. 9 A.M. 3 P.M. Barometer, ... 29.820 29.728. Attached Thermometer, ... 83 86. Dry Bulb, ... 86.0 89.0. Wet Bulb, ... 79.0 80.0. Maximum S. Bar., ... 76.0. Minimum S. Bar., ... 73.0. Minimum on Grass, ... 73.0. Previous Rain or Snow, ... 0.00. 24 hours, ... 0.00. Wind, ... S.E. Force, ... 1. 2. Cloud, ... 3. 2. Moon, ... 4. 3. Weather, ... Fine. Fine.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES ON SUNDAYS IN HONGKONG. St. John's Cathedral.—Morning, 11 o'clock.—Evening, 7 o'clock.—Rev. W. R. Beach, M.A., Colonial Chaplain. Afternoon 5 o'clock.—Rev. C. F. Warren. UNION CHURCH.—Minister, Rev. D. B. Morris. Morning Service, 11 A.M.; Evening, 6.30 P.M. ST. STEPHEN'S MISSION CHAPEL.—(Service in Chinese.) Morning 10 o'clock.—Rev. C. F. Warren, Rev. Lo Sam Yuen. Afternoon 3 o'clock.—The same. ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL.—Wellington Street. Very Rev. T. Rainaldi, P. P. Ap. In the morning, at 8.30, 1st Mass; 9.30, 2nd Mass; 10.30, 3rd Mass, in English, by the Rev. T. Dougherty; 7.30, 1st Mass; 8.30, 2nd Mass, with Sermon in Portuguese; 9.30, 3rd Mass. In the afternoon, at 1.30, Sermon in Chinese by the Rev. S. Chu; at 5.30, Sermon in Portuguese; 6.30, Benediction.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S CHAPEL.—Spring Garden. In the morning, at 7.30, Mass with Sermon in Chinese, by the Rev. F. War. At the Roman Catholic Reformatory, West Point, Rev. B. Vignone. Service at 7.30 A.M. BERLIN FOUNDLING HOUSE.—Service in the German language, by Pastor E. Klitzke, on every Sunday, at half-past ten A.M., in the Chapel of the Berlin Foundling House, West Point.

SAILOR'S HOME.—Evening Service, at 6 P.M.—Rev. W. R. Beach, M.A. CHRISTIAN LEPRIAN SYNAGOGUE.—Lyndhurst Terrace. Service at 3 P.M. every Sunday.

THE CHINA MAIL. HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 1868.

SHERIFF'S DUTIES. Two recent cases in which a *notte prosequi* was entered by the Attorney General, in consequence of informatics in the service of notice of trial to prisoners, have attracted attention to the unsatisfactory provision made for the performance of Sheriff's duties when that officer is absent. In the one case it is quite probable that justice had been satisfied by the preliminary imprisonment undergone by the culprits. In the other it is fairly presumable that a couple of child-stealers escaped the just punishment of a crime but too common in this Colony.

The wildest stretch of imagination cannot imagine the Chinese mind realizing the fact that an illegal, or informal, mode of serving a notice is sufficient to vitiate legal proceedings, and although we are bound to respect the principle laid down by the Chief Justice and Attorney General—a principle which is in effect a great safeguard of the subject—we can easily believe that they share with the public and ourselves the regret felt that they were compelled to assert that principle over the more tangible operation of the law which alone appeals to the Chinese imagination.

It may well be that, as the Chief Justice remarked, it was no one's fault in this particular case that the services of notice could not be formally proved, but we may assume his Lordship to have been referring only to those temporarily responsible. Beyond that there has been a grave oversight on the part of the executive, whose duty it was to see that the Sheriff's office was filled by some one whose duties permitted of his strictly carrying out the necessary steps. Why the Acting Captain Superintendent of Police, whose duties are simply sufficient to employ the time of even a less zealous officer, should have been selected as the Sheriff's *locum tenens* is not difficult to say. Surely there are, amongst other gentlemen acquainted with Chinese, (if that be an absolute necessity) one or two whose services could have been temporarily employed. But beyond that there are many others holding appointments, whose duties are less engrossing than

those of the Superintendent, the selection should have been made.

It is at all events to be pending cases—we refer to possible charges of piracy. Hotel affairs, etc.—steps to secure a formal and correct of the Sheriff's duties. mere blunder like this. mind is the reverse of s. we should have liked to more emphatic protest a. rence on the part of General than that officer

THE LESMONA. THERE is something very accounts to hand of the crew of the *Lesmona* and scuttling of that v. rates. We cannot, of c. the absent unheard, but from two sources—China. tend the same way, it notice the apparent abse. to save the lives of t. Chinese who were left on ing ship. After patching useable boat, the crew entirely abandoned the g. gers, not even the const. being attempted whereo. chance for life. In th. which will doubtless ens. loss of the vessel, it is t. this amongst other poin. ventilated. The arma. it) of the ship and the e. any opposition on the p. will, of course, form a s. when the details are m. and they cannot be out. the *Chun-hoi* with the crew.

It is somewhat surpris. whose subjects are so l. in the China trade, shou. warnings, neglect to be stationed at this port. whose despatch has w. poned, would even r. useless. Why does n. Consul represent the a. of a few small craft for the present, of chasing p. their victims. (to shores? They would o. of the amount necessa. large vessels while thei. be vastly superior.

AMERICAN SHIP. We learn that a comm. much importance to in seeking charters from United States has with days been settled at. The master of a British by his charters for a out of his refusal to sig. for cargo taken on board being based on an alle. in the charter-party. appears, in a clause wh. nonly inserted, to the e. statements shall be tak. lians' Commercial Guid. work the measurement bundles is stated at four bundle, ten bundles th. ton. In reality, howev. bundles of cassia, incen. candle feet, and that co. bundles make somewh. ton of forty cubic feet. that under such circum. party including stipula. above would impose o. gation of carrying one f. for nothing; and the a. sel in question, on disc. of his contract, appears its fulfilment on the g. learn, did not come on Majesty's Court, havin. by mutual consent thro. tion of a third part should in future be on reference to the deva. cassia, from the measu. in the *Grille*.

LOCAL. The thirty first anniv. jesty's accession to the. certified to her faithfu. day by the firing of salu. to the loyal mind heartily trust, the salu. that we shall hear many account, and fully believ. wish on our part is to many others not Briti. under the protection of this Colony.

We learn that the cre. barque *Lesmona*, which w. off the Island of Ma. Macao this morning, is lost *Chun-hoi*. The cre. including the Captain, h. have this evening or to.

THE 13th Regiment Dr. Murray Barracks last n. farces "Turk Him On. the Fidgets" under s. With the exception of. audible prompting, the fairly enough, and the. satisfied to a somewhat. rate Hazard (who is p. and must useful men. Garrison Dramatic soc. demus *Nobis* and *Fian. peared to sustain both. the interest of the per. Mrs. F. Webb, in her. Octave (especially the. a most surprisingly. truth, we do not dare. when we say that Cecil. one of the best improv. seen in our experience. to see which alone is*

menious applause. And this I will do and cause to be done, not in mere love and thankfulness, but because I regard it as an act of plain justice and honour (Bravo, and cheers). Gentlemen, the transition from my own feeling toward and interest in America to those of the mass of my countrymen, seems to be a natural one; but whether or no, I make it with an express object. I was asked in this very city, about last Christmas time, whether an American was not at some distance in England, as a foreigner. The notion of an American being regarded in England as a foreigner at all, of his ever being thought of or spoken of in that character, was so uncommonly incongruous and absurd to me that my gravity was, for the moment, quite overpowered (laughter). As soon as it was restored, I say that for years and years past I hoped I had had as many American friends as I had received as such American visitors as almost any Englishman living (applause), and that my unvarying experience, fortified by theirs, was that it was through in England to be an American to be received with the readiest respect and recognition everywhere. . . . The Englishman who shall humbly strive, as I hope to do, to be in England as faithful to America as to England herself, has no previous conception to contend against ("Good," "Good," and cheers). Points of difference there have been, points of difference there are, points of difference there probably always will be between the two great peoples. But broadcast in England is sown the sentiment that those two peoples are essentially one (great applause), and that it rests with the jointly to uphold the great Anglo-Saxon race, to which our President has referred, and all its great achievements before the world ("Bravo," and applause). And if I know anything of my countrymen—and they give me credit for knowing something—if I know anything of my countrymen, gentlemen, the English heart is stirred by the fluttering of those Stars and Stripes, as they wave by the masthead of that flag which except its own (tremendous applause, and three cheers). If I know my countrymen, in any and every relation towards America, they begin, not as Sir Anthony Absolute recommended that lovers should begin, with "a little averser," but with a great liking, and a profound respect (applause); and whatever the cause, the ardour of the moment, or the little official passion, or the little official policy now, or then, or here, or there, may be, take my word for it, that the first, enduring, great popular consideration in England is a generous construction of justice ("Bravo," and cheers). Finally, gentlemen, and I say this subject to your correction, I do believe that from the great majority of honest minds on both sides there cannot be absent the conviction that it would be better for this globe to be overrun by an earthquake, fired by a comet, overtaken by an iceberg, and abandoned to the Arctic fox and bear than that it should present the spectacle of these two great nations, each of whom has, in its own way and hour, striven so hard and so successfully for freedom, ever again being arrayed the one against the other."

As Mr. Dickens said, and would the entire audience rose and indulged in the most enthusiastic demonstrations. There was loud cheering, loud hand-clapping, vigorous hand-shaking all over the room; these things were continued for two or three minutes. Finally, the assembly still standing, Mr. Dickens concluded his speech. The band poured forth "God save the Queen," every man in the room joining in the anthem. Strangers hugged each other like brothers, the room was white with waving napkins; the scene was one wholly without precedent here. The singing gave place to cheering, which only stopped to break forth again spasmodically, and only gave way at last when throats were hoarse and lungs exhausted. The excitement however, grew with the speeches. Mr. Raymond (of the New York Times) responded to the toast of "The Daily Press," with a neat speech. The band gave "The Star-Spangled Banner," the audience uniting in the chorus. Then Mr. G. W. Curtis (of Harper's Weekly), responding to the toast of "The Weekly Press," gave what was, after Mr. Dickens's, the speech of the evening; a good speech—just like to English and American alike, especially soverely upon that habit of vituperation which is the chief vice of American journalists. Mr. Curtis could not help laughing as Mr. Curtis innocently proceeded to give to Mr. Horace Greeley an unexpected castigation; for Mr. Greeley's sins against courtesy in the conduct of newspapers had just been heightened by new ones. Mr. Curtis spoke strongly in favour of an international copyright law (an example which was followed by every succeeding speaker). As he uttered these words—

"Wherever he may be, whatever fate befall, his name will be a kind of good tidings. It will always have a pleasant Christmas sound. Old Ocean, bear him safely over! English ladies, welcome him with the blossoms of the May! English hearts, be sure to love him! We stand upon the shore! We say farewell; and, as he sails away, we pray with love and gratitude, may God bless him."

There was not only a magnificent burst of applause, but there were also some tears. I saw many wet faces at the neighbouring tables; and there were, if I mistake not, some blurred eyes at my own table. The toast of "The Boston Press" was replied to by Charles Elliot Norton, of Boston. He delivered a finishing and touching speech, rather too much impregnated with "Boston," perhaps but still full of allusions to the "two dear lands," the "two great peoples," the English back and English meadows, the daisies and cowpils, and the Old Mother, that melted every heart. A happy speech was made by William Henry Hubbard of the World, in reference to the toast of "The Monthly Press," and short and entertaining speeches were delivered by ex-Governor Hawley, of Connecticut; Professor Youmans, George H. Baker, and others. Mr. Dickens retired about eleven o'clock, and the company broke up at midnight. That the audience was an eminently critical one is shown by the manner in which a Member of the New York editor, who attempted to indulge in a "stump" speech, was received. No sooner had the old sea-saw motion, the howling, begun, than the journalists commenced to cheer satirically to applaud in the most incongruous manner; and finally the orator succumbed. Mr. Dickens could hardly maintain his gravity; there was a mingled expression of amusement and surprise on his face, a suspicious drawing down of the jaw, and peering at the ceiling, that edited everybody. I mention this incident to show that the extraordinary enthusiasm of the evening was not worked up for the occasion; that the hosts were able to distinguish as well as at any time, between the real and the sham.

Mr. Dickens read for the last time before an American audience on Monday evening at Melrose Hall. He was suffering from a severe physical disorder, but still, with a little mechanical assistance, he was enabled to perform his task. His desk—the little red box that has become so familiar to us since December—was covered with the choicest flowers. The audience was the best, intellectually and socially, that New York could present. At the conclusion of the reading Mr. Dickens was about to retire, when the audience rose and began cheering and indulging in other demonstrations. After repeatedly bowing, Mr. Dickens returned to the desk and delivered the following speech:—

"Ladies and Gentlemen,—The shadow of one word has impended over me this evening, and the time has come at length when the shadow must fall. It is but a very short one, but the weight of such things is not measured by their length—and two much shorter words express the whole round of our human existence. When I was reading 'David Copperfield' a few evenings since, I felt there was more than usual significance in the words of Peggotty, 'My future lies over me.' And when I read this book just now, I felt most keenly that I was shortly to establish such an *alibi* as would have satisfied even the elder Mr. Waller. The relations which have been set up between us, while they have involved for me something more than mere devotion to a task have been sustained by you with the readiest sympathy and the kindest acknowledgment. Those relations must now be broken for ever. Be assured, however, that you will not pass from my mind. I shall often realise you as I see you now, equally by my winter fire and in the green English summer weather. I shall never recall you as a mere public audience, but rather as a host of personal friends—and ever with my greatest gratitude, tenderness, and consideration. Ladies and gentlemen, I beg to bid you farewell. God bless you and God bless the land in which I leave you."

It was with a shakiness of voice that Mr. Dickens uttered these words. The listeners were not less affected; there were few composed faces in the room. And it seemed to me that the cheers which followed Mr. Dickens, as he moved slowly and with difficulty beyond the scene, had more of the nature of a sob than of a cheer.

In such a manner passes from our view an Englishman whom we have sought, and not unsuccessfully, to honour. There is something sad in the thought that in this world we shall not see him again—that his foot has for the last time touched American soil. It is as though he were dead to us, and yet, we hope—we believe—that we shall know for many years that "by the winter fire and in the green English summer weather," he is writing for and for us. It may be well to add, that he carries with him to England not only the fervent blessings of many millions of people, but goodly store of coin. His success, in the pecuniary sense alone, has been unprecedented. I presume that he has cleared not less than 200,000 dollars by his American trip. A it has been with Mr. Dickens, I trust that it may be with every English writer, speaker, thinker. Nothing can so surely draw the two nations into unity as personal contact of the teachers and the taught. We want to see, to listen to such men as Mr. Carlyle, Mr. Tennyson, and other Englishmen whose names are as household words. We want to see the waving gold of the ocean, tell you that after all we love you. We want to do away with all misunderstandings. We feel, in our inmost soul, that the two peoples have a common destiny. It is not difficult for us to recognise the truth of those words of Mr. Carlyle, which I have made the text of this letter: that "Shakespeare" is a king over all the English nations.

PRETTY MARUSCHKA.

A SCOTLAND HOUSEHOLD TALE.

Far away in the hazy purple of antiquity when all the stepmothers were wicked, and all younger sons were successful, there lived on the confines of the forest a woman who had two daughters, the one her own flesh and the other a stepchild. Naturally the love of the mother was concentrated on the one Helena, and, as naturally, she disliked Maruschka, who was the fairest, the gentlest, and the most pious of the two girls.

Little did the pretty Maruschka know of her own surpassing beauty—a fact proving to us how remote from the present age was that in which these damels lived. Her hair was like the waving gold of the ocean, and her eyes were as the blue forget-me-not which soles and glimmers in a quiet nook by the brookside. She was slim and graceful, her step light, for her heart was free. Wherever she went, she brought cheerfulness and smiles; like the little golden sunbeams which pierce among the tree shadows of a forest, and light up unexpected beauties where all but we were gloom and thought a sadlon butterfly, now kindling an emerald moss tuft, now making a scarlet fly flame against the dusk of the forest glades behind.

Helena was dressed by her mother in gay colors for Sunday and Feast-day, but poor little Maruschka had only a dingy-grey gown, cast off by her sister. Helena wore a false golden chain, a great link round her neck, but her half-sister had only a turban of velvet, now making a scarlet fly flame against the dusk of the forest glades behind.

Helena and her mother did all that lay in their power to make the little girl's life miserable; they scolded her, they beat her, but never could they ruffle the sweet temper of Maruschka.

One day in the depth of winter, Helena cried out, "Ah, my mother! would that I had a bunch of violets in my bosom to-morrow, when I go to church." Run, Maruschka, run into the forest and pluck them for me, that I may have them to smell at whilst the priest gives us the sermon."

"Oh, my sister," answered Maruschka, "who overheard of violets being gathered in mid-winter, under the deep snow?"

"Till honey!" screamed Helena, "go at once and fetch them. Have them will, and you shall not come back without them."

Then the mother chimed in with, "Mind and bring a large bunch, or you shall not be taken in here for the night. Go!" and she caught her, thrust her from the house, and slammed the door behind her.

Bitterly weeping, the poor maiden wandered into the forest. The snow lay deep over her, undisturbed by human foot; and she sought the hollyhocks, and blue and red pansies, and the flowers of the snow. Here were the traces of a hare, there the prints of a badger. An owl called from the depths of the forest. The girl lost her way. Dusk came on, and a few stars looked through the interlacing boughs overhead, watching Maruschka. An joy moved through the trees, shaking the pines as though they quaked with mortal fear, and then they bent their branches and shot their leads of snow in dust to the ground. Strange harp-like sounds reverberated through the gloom, and grating of bough on bough, which seemed as though the wood demons were gnawing at fallen timbers. Now a great black crow which had been hovering about the forest, and on each stone sat a man. Three were grey-bearded, three were middle-aged, three were youths, and the last three were the youngest and fairest. They spoke not, but looked intently on the roving flames. He who sat in the seat of honor had a long staff in his hand. His hair was white and flattered in the cold wind.

Maruschka was startled, and watched them with astonishment for a little while; then, unheeding of the danger, she stepped into the circle and said—

"Dear, good friends, please suffer me to warm myself a little while at the fire, for indeed, I am perishing with cold." He who sat in the seat of honor, raised his head and said—

"Yes, child, approach. But what brings you here?"

"I am seeking violets," she answered. "Violets! It is not the time for violets when the snow lies deep."

"Ah, sir! I know that well; but sister Helena and mother have bidden me bring them, and if I do not I must perish in the cold. You, kind shepherds, tell me where I may find violets."

Then the white aged one arose from his seat, stepped to one of the opening youths, put his staff in his hand, and said with a smile—

"Brother March, take thou the preeminence."

Then the Month March sat himself on the chief stone, and waved his staff over the fire. Instantly the flames rushed up and blazed with greater brilliancy, the snow began to thaw, the hazel bushes were covered with catkins, and glossy buds appeared on the hollyhocks. Then the aged one, through the moist soil, a primrose gleamed from the dusky bank, and a sweet fragrance of violets was wafted by on a gentle breeze. Under a bush the ground was purple with their scented blossoms.

"Quick! Maruschka, pluck!" ordered March. The girl hastily gathered a handful. Then she outstayed to the twelve Months, thanked them cordially and hurried home.

Helena was amazed when her half-sister came with the bunch to the door. She opened it to her, and the house was filled with the delicious odor.

"Where did you find them?" she asked. "High up on the mountain, under a hawthorn bush."

Helena told her the flowers, and set them in her bosom. She let her mother smell at them, but she never gave one to Maruschka.

When they came back from church next day, Helena cast off her gay shawl, and sat down to supper. But she had no appetite for what was on the table. She was angry with her sister, for all the lads had fixed their eyes on Maruschka, and had not been attracted to her by the fragrant bunch of violets. "How beautiful is Maruschka to-day!" had said some of the older people, and none had spoken a good word of her.

So she sat and sighed, and hated the pretty girl more and more.

"Oh, that I had strawberries!" she said. "I can eat nothing this evening but strawberries. Run, Maruschka, into the forest and gather me a dish."

"Dear sister, this is not the time of year for strawberries. Whoever heard of strawberries ripening under the snow?"

"But the stepmother angrily exclaimed: 'Run, Maruschka, fetch them at once, as your sister has ordered, or I will strike you dead,' and she thrust her from the door."

The poor girl cried bitterly; she looked back at the cottage and thought how warm it was within, whilst without it was so piercingly cold. But she dare not return unless she had with her the desired fruit. So she plunged into the forest. The snow lay deep, and nowhere was a human footprint. Snow began to fall in white powder, whitening her shoulders, clinging to the folds of her grey dress, and forming a cap of ice on her golden hair. In that still, restless night there was no light to show the blue ribbon which strayed among the tree boughs, or to twinkle on the crystal of the silver cross.

Presently Maruschka saw, high up, on the summit of a rugged hill, a blazing fire. She scrambled to it, and there she found the twelve sitting silent and silent around the fire, and the old Month with his staff sat still on the seat of honor.

"Dear, good friends, please suffer me to warm myself a little while at your fire," she asked in a beseeching voice; "for indeed, I am perishing with cold."

Then the one with the drifting white looks raised his head and said—

"Yes, child, approach. But what brings you here?"

"I am seeking strawberries," she answered. "Strawberries! It is not the time for strawberries when the snow lies deep."

"Ah, sir! I know that well; but my sister Helena and my mother have bidden me bring them strawberries, or they will strike me dead. You, kind shepherds, tell me where I may find strawberries."

Then the white old Month arose from his seat, stepped across the arched one of the fire, and put the staff in his hand, and said—

"Brother June, take thou the preeminence."

Then the Month June sat himself on the chief stone, and waved his staff over the fire. Instantly the flames rushed up and blazed with greater brilliancy, the snow began to thaw, the hazel bushes were covered with catkins, and glossy buds appeared on the hollyhocks. Then the aged one, through the moist soil, a primrose gleamed from the dusky bank, and a sweet fragrance of violets was wafted by on a gentle breeze. Under a bush the ground was purple with their scented blossoms.

fire. Instantly it glowed like molten gold, beams of glory streamed through the hills, and the sea moon shone like a sun resting on earth. Overlaid the clouds flamed and curled in wreaths of light, tinted rose, carmine and purple, over a sky blue as the forget-me-not. Every trace of snow vanished, and earth was buried in green. The trees were covered with rustling leaves. Blue birds gleamed under their shadows and then died away. Red-robin blushed in tufts and tufts, and the leaves were full of life. The leaves were full of life, and the soft air was charged with the scent of the sweet briar. From amongst the forest glades called in cool notes the wood-dove. The thrush began to warble and the blackbird to pipe. A bright-eyed squirrel danced among the fresh, green leaves on a tree-top. Beside a brown stone was a patch of sloping green. It was dotted with little white stars with golden hearts. 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